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 of Fawn. 20
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 In Light or Dark Grey shades, 20
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 FULL WIDE-CUT CRAWNETTIE RAINCOAT
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 with long, wavy back, with Baglan sleeves, collar
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 of Fawn, Brown, Navy, or Black, 22
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 R. STYLE, THE COVER, with wide welt
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 in sleeves, in Grey or Navy, 22
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 CRAWNETTIE RAINCOAT
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THE FLEET

BOMBARDMENT OF
BELGIAN COAST.

GALLIOLI.

AUSTRO-GERMAN PLANS

DEFENCE OF PORT.

At the newspapers indicate that an agreement with the Entente is imminent, involving semi-demobilisation.

It is officially reported in Paris that all the French troops are on Greek soil. The Bulgarians have not crossed the frontier.

The Bulgarians claim that the enemy was everywhere beaten, and there is now not a single enemy soldier on Macedonian soil. It is added that the pursuit has now stopped.

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Rotterdam advises that the Dutch East Indies lines intend to use the Cape route, owing to coaling difficulties on the Suez route.

The companies point out that the German press is full of the forthcoming attack on Egypt.

It is estimated that there are 650,000 Turks in the field, and this number may be increased to 1,000,000.

On Saturday the British fleet bombarded the German defences in the neighbourhood of Ostend and Zeebrugge.

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SWISS CORRESPONDENT'S
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THE ARMENIANS.

AWFUL SUFFERINGS.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Land Bryce, in a letter to the "Daily Telegraph," says a competent authority estimates that a million Armenians have been killed. Further details show that 5000 were literally driven under the lash, and were killed by the sword, by the bayonet, and by the bullet. The Armenians were taken in trucks to a riverbank, and then were shot. All the Armenians were killed, and their bodies were left to rot. The Armenians were taken in trucks to a riverbank, and then were shot. All the Armenians were killed, and their bodies were left to rot. The Armenians were taken in trucks to a riverbank, and then were shot. All the Armenians were killed, and their bodies were left to rot.

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EASTERN FRONT.

GERMANS NEAR DVINSK.

SETTLING DOWN FOR WINTER.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15. The Germans have decided to winter near Dvinsk with a certain degree of comfort, inasmuch as they have succeeded without difficulty in their advanced positions for more convenient trenches. A great number of blockhouses, fitted with winter comforts, are being erected near the German armies.

AMERICA'S NOTE.

TO AUSTRIA.

FEELING IN VIENNA.

LONDON, Dec. 15. A note from Vienna, received in Australia, says that the American Note, regarding the sinking of the Ancona, has created a most unfavourable impression.

The Note made a formal demand for the prompt denunciation of the illegal and indefensible act, the punishment of the submarine commander, and reparation in the form of payment of an indemnity for killing and injuring innocent American citizens. It was stated that good relations in the form of payment of an indemnity for killing and injuring innocent American citizens. It was stated that good relations in the form of payment of an indemnity for killing and injuring innocent American citizens.

MILLION MEN.

WANTED BY END OF MARCH.

A White Paper states that 1,000,000 additional men are required for the army to March 31.

RECRUITING BOOM. A recruiting conference was held in Downing street on Tuesday. General Asquith presided. The conference was attended by the figures submitted by Earl Derby were substantially better than was expected. They are being reserved for Mr. Asquith's forthcoming speech.

In the House of Commons the Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith, said the army vote would be postponed for a week. He was awaiting details of Earl Derby's recruiting scheme.

AIR RAID.

ENEMY'S WORKS DAMAGED.

PARIS, Dec. 15. A communiqué states: Forty-five aeroplanes bombed the German lines on Tuesday. The results were very successful. The enemy's lines and works were damaged.

EAST AFRICA.

SMITH-DORRICH IN COMMAND.

LONDON, Dec. 14. In the House of Commons this evening, the Under-Secretary for War, Mr. H. J. Tennant, announced that General Sir H. L. Smith-Dorrich, G.C.B., K.C.B., D.S.O., had been appointed to supreme control of the East African operations.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT

EXTENDED LIFE.

In the House of Commons this evening Mr. W. H. Cowan (Liberal) moved the rejection of the bill extending the life of the present Parliament. The Government, he declared, had not shown by its conduct of the war that it was worthy to continue to hold the confidence of the country.

Mr. Bonar Law (Secretary of State for the Colonies) said that if the coalition was to continue an attempt should be made to carry on the war with a united people. That was a clear case for compromise, and the compromise, such as it was, of extending the life of Parliament, was his own proposal. He thought, however, that the coalition was not worthy to continue to hold the confidence of the country.

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THE BALKANS.

GREECE'S ATTITUDE.

AGREEMENT IMMINENT.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH FORCES.

ATHENS, Dec. 15. Athens newspapers indicate that an agreement with the Entente is imminent, involving semi-demobilisation.

The Paris "Temps" states that the Bulgarians who are crossing Greek territory in a south-westerly direction came east of Lake Doiran.

The Rome "Tribuna's" Athens correspondent says the Bulgarians in the recent battle at Demirkapu were surrounded on three sides in a space of three miles in length, which was under the fire of 200 French guns. One Bulgarian regiment was annihilated, and 300 prisoners were taken.

A Salonika report says that following the occupation of Giannitsa, the Bulgarians and Germans entered Greek territory in a south-westerly direction. Reports from Athens state that the Greeks have now withdrawn from the whole line of the Allied retreat, leaving the clear for guns and transport.

There is some uncertainty whether the Bulgarians, as well as the Germans, will endeavour to follow the Allies into Greece, but the German forces with the Bulgarians are too small to create uneasiness.

GREEK SHIPS RELEASED.

The release of Greek ships which were detained at Entente ports has caused intense relief in Athens and Piræus, where the shortage of gas and electric light companies, while a bread famine was momentarily feared through the non-arrival of grain ships.

It is reported in Geneva that two German divisions in Sofia are starting for Constantinople, where there is serious unrest owing to the rigours imposed by the Germans who are commanding the police and gendarmes.

It is reported that Italy will be shortly able to land 80,000 troops in Albania. German newspapers attach great importance to King Constantine's having twice received the Bulgarian Minister for two hours on each occasion before handing his reply to the Entente. It is significant also that he has had repeated conversations with the Bulgarian Minister, Mr. Scouloudis (Premier), and that he has seen the Chief of the General Staff, and the Minister of Home Affairs.

At Malta it is understood there are fresh instructions in regard to releasing some of the Greek ships held up there.

ORDERLY RETREAT.

It is reported at Salonika that 10,000 British soldiers perished in the Doiran-Kostrino sector, where 15,000 British soldiers held out bravely against an overwhelming force. The timely arrival of reinforcements enabled the British to proceed with their orderly retreat. The Allies are landing troops day and night.

MONASTIR.

A Salonika message says Germany has thrown off the mask concerning Monastir. Having alleged Greek forces to be attacking the city, the Germans are now being established for a Bulgarian administration at Monastir. The German Minister at Sofia declared that the town is irretrievably Bulgarian.

The Marquis of Crewe said the possible return of the Balkan soldiers was a matter covered by a special committee. A multitude of questions would arise when three million soldiers and war workers were released.

Lord Haldane said a peace book should be prepared, showing what was expected when peace was declared.

Lord Newton said that before the coalition, underlining was given that the army would not be disbanded suddenly, and thus thrown on to the labour market.

ENEMY ALIENS.

INTERNED IN BRITAIN.

In the House of Commons to-day, the Under-Secretary for War, Mr. Tennant, stated there were 32,274 civilians and 13,470 naval and military enemy aliens interned in Britain.

HOLLAND'S NEUTRALITY

CHARGE AGAINST AN EDITOR.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15. Mr. Schroeder, editor of the "Telegraaf," who was arrested on a charge of endangering the country's neutrality, has been acquitted. The verdict being received with great cheering outside the court.

The article impugned, stated: "There are in Central Europe a number of semi-responsible persons who are doing their utmost to bring about a general peace. They are doing this by means of a campaign of propaganda, and by means of a campaign of propaganda, and by means of a campaign of propaganda."

The Speaker intervened, and said that Mr. McNell ought to move a vote of censure. Mr. McNell moved a vote of censure. Mr. McNell moved a vote of censure. Mr. McNell moved a vote of censure.

Mr. John Dillon (Nationalist) paid a warm tribute to Mr. Bonar Law. He had not thought Mr. Bonar Law was capable of such a lofty speech.

Mr. E. G. Hemmender (Liberal) said the Government had done extremely well in difficult circumstances. Small talkative groups below the gangway did not represent the views of Liberals.

Mr. Asquith said that when the appropriate time came he would be prepared to join hands with their critics, but at present such a course would be detrimental to the country's interests and the prosecution of the war. He and his colleagues did not desire to shroud themselves in a veil of secrecy. They would like nothing better than to take a full House into full confidence, and they would like nothing better than to take a full House into full confidence.

The manufacture of munitions is proceeding briskly, and a list just published shows that 65 of the biggest firms in Calcutta have all lent the Government their machinery for the purpose. The Nizam of Hyderabad has placed all his workshops at the disposal of the Government for the manufacture of munitions. The Maharajah of Idar has given another motor car, and unofficial efforts to supply the troops with necessities and comforts continue unceasingly.

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EGYPT.

THREATENED ATTACK.

BRITISH TROOPS ENTRENCHING.

LONDON, Dec. 15. A Rotterdam message says: The Dutch East Indies lines announce the use of the Cape route, owing to coaling difficulties on the Suez route. The companies declare that there is no political reason, but it is pointed out that the German press is full of the forthcoming attack on Egypt.

The "Kölnische Volkszeitung" publishes a message from Cairo to the effect that the Egyptian natives and English are entering on both sides of the canal. Many strong fortresses have been built, and many gunboats are anchored. British officials estimate that 250,000 troops are concentrated in Egypt, and more are landing daily.

THE TURKISH ARMY.

Mr. H. J. Tennant, Under Secretary for War, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, estimated that 650,000 Turks were in the field, but this number might be increased under certain circumstances to a million.

AN ARMED CAMP.

A Rome message says that an English missionary in Syria reports that important preparations are being made in Jerusalem and Jaffa for an expedition to Egypt under the German General Tresselt. A double railway has been constructed from Damascus to Jerusalem and Gaza, some distance beyond the ancient frontier of Turkey and Egypt, to the isthmus of Suez.

One hundred thousand troops are garrisoning Jerusalem, which has been transformed into an armed camp. The converts have been converted into hospitals, with Turkish-German staffs. The inhabitants are under strict supervision.

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AIR DUEL.

GERMAN SEAPLANE WRECKED.

The Admiralty states that Lieutenant Graham and two engaged a large German seaplane off the Belgian coast. The German machine fell, exploded, burning into flames, and sank. The British seaplane was damaged, but escaped gun fire. It fell into the sea, but the pilots were rescued.

AFTER THE WAR.

REORGANISATION OF INDUSTRY.

DEBATE IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

In the House of Lords, Lord Parker (Liberal) drew attention to the problems surrounding the employment of soldiers after the war. In the reorganisation of industry women could not be expected to return to pre-war conditions. The Government should act in this matter in concert with the dominions.

The Marquis of Crewe said the possible return of the Balkan soldiers was a matter covered by a special committee. A multitude of questions would arise when three million soldiers and war workers were released.

Lord Haldane said a peace book should be prepared, showing what was expected when peace was declared.

Lord Newton said that before the coalition, underlining was given that the army would not be disbanded suddenly, and thus thrown on to the labour market.

NEW ZEALANDERS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMFORT.

At a meeting of the New Zealand War Contingent Association, Mr. Thomas MacKenzie, who presided, stated that £225,000 had been subscribed, including the New Zealand Shipping Company's subscription of £100,000, and the Shaw Savill's £50,000 had just been received.

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A German alarm attempted to fly over the ships, but was forced to return to the harbor, where our shell fire subsequently destroyed it.

A number of anti-aircraft guns were also demolished and three large guns put out of action. The enemy did not return the fire of the ships.

BRITISH SEAMEN.

A VISIT TO THE TRENCHES.

In order to give the navy an idea of trench life, Admiral Sir John Jellicoe thought it would be a good plan to send a party of seamen to take their bearings. A dozen cheerful, laughing sailors slipped and stumbled through the trenches, and their eyes opened on the horrors of the front.

One of the "Tommy" had his full share of winter hardships.

ZEPPELINS.

TWO DESTROYED.

LONDON, Dec. 15. It is reported in Copenhagen that a new Zeppelin stationed at Pühlsbühel, near Hamburg, exploded, and was destroyed on November 17. Another was destroyed at the end of November at Ditterfeld, in Saxony.

IMPERIAL PROBLEM.

AFTER THE WAR.

Mr. R. R. Wise (Agent-General for New South Wales) addressed a gathering at the Colonial Institute on New South Wales under war conditions. He detailed its resources, and justified the loan policy. Australians in many respects were more prepared for war than England owing to military training. New South Wales had subscribed £2,000,000 to the war.

Mr. Wise added that England must give the Dominions a place in the council which decides peace terms. They at least had as strong a claim as the minor States of Europe. The only disaster worse than war would be a patched-up peace. Certainly no Australian would support such a patched-up peace. The conquered colonies should be returned to Germany.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC.

GERMAN PLOT.

TO DESTROY THE RAILROAD.

PROVIDENCE (Rhode Island), Dec. 15. Johannes von Koelberg has sworn an affidavit that he was agent for a German plot to destroy the Canadian Pacific railroad, together with the tunnels and bridges. He gave the plot away to officials of the railroad and the Government at Vancouver. Von Koelberg arranged the scheme, and the Germans paid for the fictitious destruction of tunnels. He has implicated Baron von Brinckmann, C. C. Crowley, Margaret Corbett, and Consul-General Rupp, all of whom are in the German Consulate at San Francisco.

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HOTEL HOURS.

MINISTRY - REJECTS NINE O'CLOCK.

ASSEMBLY DEBATE.

The Premier announced in the Legislative Assembly last night that the Government had decided not to accept the amendment to the Liquor Amendment Bill in the House of Representatives. A general debate followed on the question of early closing. The House had gone into committee to consider the Liquor Amendment Bill.

The Premier announced that he was prepared to accept the first amendment which provided that hotels should close at 11 o'clock. He was not prepared to accept the amendment providing for the closing of hotels at 9 o'clock instead of 11 o'clock. The terms upon which the bill had been brought in were that the Government would accept the amendment in the House of Representatives, but he had been prepared to reject it, and he had been prepared to reject it, and he had been prepared to reject it.

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STATE SESSION.

END IN SIGHT.

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THE ARMY.

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RECRUITING.

SIR GEORGE REID.

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FROM RABAU.

UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF 289 MEN.

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